



ELECTION OF CHAMBERLAIN NOW SEEMS ASSURED

Opponents Unable to Decide on Candidates

5 TO VOTE FOR CAKE

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GOVERNOR GAINS STRENGTH

Chamberlain's Statement That he Will Resign March 4 Strengthens Several of the Doubtful Members—He Denies Statement, However.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 18.—At a late hour tonight the election of George E. Chamberlain, Democrat, as United States Senator is practically assured. The 38 Republicans who are opposed to him have been in conference for hours without deciding on any one candidate to receive their support. The Republican managers who have been managing the fight against Chamberlain have, it is alleged, abandoned hope. The claim that Chamberlain has strengthened the doubtful members by promising to resign as governor March 4. This assertion is denied by Chamberlain, who says that he has simply promised to be present at Washington when duty calls him. At the caucus tonight of the opponents of Chamberlain there were so many different interests represented that it was impossible for the conference to unite. The majority favored supporting Fulton, but others declared that they would not vote for Fulton under any circumstances. Five members will vote first and last for H. M. Cake, the Republican candidate who was Chamberlain's opponent for the popular vote last June. A delegation from Clatsop, Fulton's home

county, arrived tonight to see what could be done in his behalf. While it is alleged pressure has been brought to bear on several pledged members, there is no prospect tonight of any member pledged to Chamberlain violating his promise.

In order to establish a system of trunk wagon roads in Alaska congress will be memorialized by the Oregon Legislature to appropriate \$1,000,000 to be disbursed under direction of the war department. Among the bills introduced today was one providing for a \$20,000 armory at Medford and a measure providing that no man be given a marriage license without first presenting physicians certificate. Rigid anti-cigarette law prohibiting the sale to or to the use of minors is first of a radical reform legislation introduced.

For the support of an experiment station in Eastern Oregon \$15,000 has been asked. To co-operate with the government in irrigation project in Western Oregon, an appropriation of \$8000 has been asked.

HOYT WANTS ADVANCE OF ARGUMENT

IN CASE OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC AGAINST INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—In the supreme court of United States today Solicitor General Hoyt asked for an advance of argument in the case of the Southern Pacific Company against the interstate commerce commission and interstate commerce commission vs. A. B. Stickney. The first case involves the right of the commission to reduce the rate on green fir lumber from Oregon points to California and other to the right of company to prescribe the charge of \$1000 per car as maximum rate to be made for the delivery of livestock in stockyards at Chicago.

MILLIONAIRE KILLED.
SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 18.—J. D. Wood of Salt Lake, millionaire mine

COMMON COUNCIL HAS MUCH WORK

Mayor Smith Briefly Discusses Question of the Various Committees

There was a complete absence of smoking in the council chambers last night during the regular Monday session, and the change was so noticeable as to cause attention, for the atmosphere was so clear and salubrious that there was no discomfort. Perhaps a few of the inveterate smokers may have missed their cigars a little but they said nothing, while the absence of the smoke beclouded atmosphere lent an air of decency and dignity that perhaps have been slightly lacking before.

It was the first real business session of the new council and everything passed off harmoniously and with precision. Much business is piled up, and a considerable amount was gone over last night. The fact that Mayor Smith is quite familiar with the council proceedings, from his experience as city attorney, and the presence of the several old members of the council and city attorney and city auditor, of course, all aided in permitting the routine work to continue almost as if there had been no break in the membership.

At the commencement of the session Mayor Smith spoke of the new committees appointed by him. He said that while it was not possible to

place each of the nine councilmen at the head of a committee, he had done the best he could in forming the committees and believed that he had done very well. Mayor Smith spoke also spoke on the question of the importance that has heretofore been given the chairman of the various committees, and his remarks were so sensible and timely as to be well worthy of repetition.

"It would appear to me," said the mayor, "that each member of the committees should be given virtually the same consideration. The mere fact that one is made the chairman does not mean that he should take upon himself all the rights of the committees. The committees should act as a whole. In that way the benefit of the consideration and judgment of each is secured, and the purpose of the committee is secured. We have heard complaints of the chairman assuming powers that were not really theirs, and I hope that it will not occur among us. The committees should act as a whole, though of course the chairman should have the right of calling his committee together, and of presiding in committee meetings."

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owner and perhaps the largest sheep owner in the West, was instantly killed by a Union Pacific engine in the Oregon Short Line yards at 9:15 last evening. His body was discovered twenty minutes later, lying between the rails by a car inspector.

SWALLOWED 200 PINS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Medical men are so interested in the case of Florence Smith, a young girl of Patihogue, L. I., who has swallowed a half paper of pins, from which she has suffered comparatively little, but she will be brought to this city this week for X-ray examination.

FINE MARINE SPORTS ARE NOW ASSURED

ASTORIA MOTOR BOAT CLUB ELECTS ITS OFFICERS AND ARRANGES ITS MEETINGS

Last evening witnessed the final organization of the Astoria Motor Boat Club, in the election of its first roster of officers, for the ensuing year. The club, about 30 strong, met at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, and proceeded at once to the election, which resulted as follows:

Commodore, Dr. Frank Vaughan. Vice Commodore, James Keating. Rear Commodore, Ed. C. Judd. Secretary, F. C. Fox. Treasurer, B. L. Knight. Trustees: R. E. Carruthers, Arthur E. Petersen, A. R. Johnson, N. Troyer. The meeting was ordered as follows: Once each month, on the first Friday, from now until May first; after that, and until November first, twice a month and on the first and third Fridays.

The interest in this new and surely popular organization grows with each assemblage of those at interest, and it is not sort of risk to declare that by the time the summer season opens the Astoria Motor Boat Club will have a splendid schedule arranged for the credit of the port and of the club.

MUCH DAMAGE CAUSED BY ICE JAMS

THE NOOKSACK RIVER OVERFLOWS WRECKING MILLS, PROPERTY AND BRIDGES

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 18.—The ice going out of the Nooksack river has formed two bad jams at Lynden. Much of the farming country is under water and serious damage to mill property and bridges is expected when the jam goes out, which probably will be tomorrow. The tracks of the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia Railway are under four feet of water and traffic has been suspended.

CONDITIONS IMPROVING IN CALIFORNIA

RIVERS ARE FALLING RAILROADS RESUMING SCHEDULE AND HEAVY RAINS CEASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—No change tonight in the flood conditions throughout the central part of the state outside of a steady falling of the rivers. There has been no rain to speak of for the last 24 hours, and while railroad traffic is badly crippled by washouts and destruction of bridges, companies have many men at work on repairs and are slowly restoring communication with all points. There weather has been the coldest recorded for many years.

BITTER ATTACK ON PRESIDENT

Willett Heaps Abuse on President

IS SOON CUT SHORT

House by Vote Quickly Brings a Close to Slanderous Remarks

PENSION BILL UP AGAIN

Morris of Nebraska Kicks at House Rules—Smith and Langley Both Plea For Pensions For Certain Military Men.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Sensational and bitter attack on President Roosevelt was made in the House today by Willett of New York. His remarks were delivered under license of liberal debate on pension appropriation bill, and were cut short by vote of the house. Willett characterized the President as a "Gargoyle," tyrant, pigmy descendant of Dutch tradespeople, Hay Deter, fountain of Billingsgate, a jocular, imitation of a king and a bogus hero." Smith of Missouri pleaded for pensions for certain military men of Missouri; Langley of Kentucky did likewise for some of his constituents. Morris of Nebraska attacked the house rules, Larringa of Porto Rico presented arguments to show that Porto Rico had not progressed politically and Messrs. Goulden, Powers and Keifer discussed the merits of the pension bill.

FIRST LADY CHAUFFEUR.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—London, like the gay capital of the French, has her first "lady chauffeur." The innovation promises to be popular in the English metropolis, and doubtless before long many women perched on the driver's seat of the "benzine buggy" will be seen flitting about the streets here.

Miss Sheila O'Neill is the name of the first woman in London to take out a license entitling her to drive a motor car as a hired chauffeur. She is an Irish girl who has seen service in South Africa during the Boer war as a nurse, and she possesses the medal for the campaign, as well as that given by her Majesty the Queen. She refuses to wear either of these in her capacity as a professional chauffeur, but she is proud of the distinction that she has helped the sick and wounded during one of Britain's campaigns.

Miss O'Neill is admirably suited in constitution and temperament for the work she has chosen. A charming daughter of Erin she is young enough to retain the nerves of steel necessary to those who drive motor cars in London's crowded streets, yet old enough to take life sufficiently seriously to pursue her new avocation on entirely business lines. This lady chauffeur carries with her a complete firstaid equipment, in the use of which she has been thoroughly trained. She explains that it is chiefly for use in casualties arising from more careless or inefficient driving than her own.

London "Jonnies" naturally sat up and took notice when this fair professional chauffeur first appeared in public. For the first day or two their curiosity got the best of them and they gathered around her machine in groups, but every courtesy was shown her. In one case, a patron "hopped" her following a ride from his home to his club. This was perhaps a reminder that Miss O'Neill's terms of engagement make it necessary that there should be no embarrassing reluctance in the matter of "tips" on the part of her patrons.

There will be much weeping on the part of London tradesmen in the rumor of Ambassador Reid's retirement from his present post, now so current, becomes a fact. Since coming here Mr. Reid has been in connection with his elaborate entertaining a very lavish splendor. There has been a steady stream of gold from his purse into the pockets of most of London's leading merchants; so it is not to be wondered that they will regret his departure.

English society people, too have entertainments as part of their season's programme. The fact that his daughter by marrying an Englishman has become a subject of King Edward has served also to bring the Reid family into something of a kinship that even though Mr. Reid should relinquish his ambassadorial post, he is likely to retain a London residence. If this be true, London may continue to draw on his bountiful patronage.

INDIAN CARRIES PLEA TO U. S. COURTS

TOY TOY AT McNEIL ISLAND SERVING LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—That the United States courts have no jurisdiction in trials of Indians who live on lands allotted to them when an offense charged against them would ordinarily be against the State in which they live was the plea set up in the case of Toy Toy, an Umatilla Indian who lived in the State of Oregon and is now held in prison at McNeil's Island, Wash., under life sentence for murder. Case was decided against him.

SIX MEMBERS OF BLACK HAND CAUGHT

PITTSBURG, Jan. 18.—Word was received here today of the arrest yesterday of six members of the alleged black hand after a desperate battle with officers at Ellsworth. Three other members of the gang escaped, but two of them were captured today and the third was shot and wounded. A wealthy Italian woman had been notified to leave \$400 at a given point. Nine foreigners appeared to get the money and were met by the police.

SPEAKERS SALARY IS RAISED TO \$15,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—By a vote of 37 to 27, the Senate today fixed the salary of speaker of the house at \$15,000 instead of \$12,000 as at present and instead of \$20,000 as proposed by the committee on appropriation. Vigorous speech against any increase was made by Senator Bailey and numerous addresses were made in support of the proposition. Senator Rayner endeavored to have the Senate adopt a resolution calling on the attorney general for information as to whether the President had ordered suit brought against the New York World and the Indianapolis News, because of alleged libel in those publications relating to the purchase of Panama Canal property and under what statute this action had been taken. Under objection further action was postponed until tomorrow.

The reduction in amount of increase in salary for speaker came up on point of order raised by Senator Borah of Idaho. After the point of order was considered, another amendment fixing the speaker's salary at \$15,000 was adopted. Senator Fulton spoke in favor of Borah's point of order. Depew, Elkins, Bourne and Owen favored increases. Warren gave notice he would call the bill up again tomorrow.

MORE PUBLIC LAND FRAUD CASES ARE DISCOVERED

ROOT NOMINATED.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 18.—The Republican members of the Legislature tonight nominated Elhu Root to succeed Thomas G. Platt as United States Senator. The Democrats in caucus nominated Lewis Chanler. Root's nomination is equivalent to the election as the legislature is overwhelmingly Republican.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—President Roosevelt sent to Congress today a special message recommending the passage of a law authorizing him to proclaim February 12, next, centennial of Lincoln's birthday, as a special holiday.

ROCKEFELLER ACCEPTS TAFT'S INVITATION

PRESIDENT-ELECT AND OIL KING WILL DINE TOGETHER WITH 250 OTHERS.

AUGUSTA, Jan. 18.—That President-elect Taft has not determined who is to be his secretary of the treasury, is indicated by circumstance that he had conversation today with J. C. Shaffer, proprietor of the Chicago Post, regarding the qualification of several Chicagoans whose appointment has been urged. Shaffer came here at a special request of the President-elect. Taft said tonight that Secretary Newberry had prevented his endorsement being made by the Michigan delegation in congress for his continuance as secretary of the navy, but views of the delegation on its own initiative, in favor of the secretary were laid before him today by Representative Denby.

John D. Rockefeller accepted today the invitation to attend the Taft banquet to be given by the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday. Covers will be laid for 250 guests who have paid \$10 each for their tickets. E. H. Harriman arrived at Aitken, S. C., today. He is a guest at the home of his cousin, Joseph Harriman. He will not come to Augusta.

SMOOT RE-ELECTED.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 18.—Without dissenting voice, 43 Republican members of the legislature present at the senatorial caucus tonight nominated Reed Smoot for re-election for United States Senator.

Secretary Garfield Gets Startling Information

ASKS FOR \$500,000

Makes Request to Senate for Additional Funds to Recover Lands.

32,000 DISTINCT CASES

Of These 1462 Are in Oregon, California and Nevada, 1409 in Washington and North Idaho 1325, Colorado 8621.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Startling information of alleged astounding frauds upon public lands has come into possession of Secretary Garfield through special agents. Allegation is made that approximately \$110,000,000 worth of lands in states principally west of the Mississippi river have been acquired fraudulently within the last two years by corporations and individuals. With a view to recovering these lands, Secretary Garfield sent letters today to Chairman Hale and Chairman Tawney of the Senate and house appropriation committees respectively, asking for additional appropriation of \$500,000 which, if granted with that already asked for will give the department \$1,000,000 for that purpose. Garfield also submits the statement of H. Schwartz, chief of field service showing over 2,300 distinct cases of alleged fraud demanding further investigation. Of such cases awaiting investigation there are in Oregon 1462, California and Nevada 1409, Washington and North Idaho 1325, Montana 365, Colorado 8621, Arizona 496, Wyoming 21,115, Utah 1482 and New Mexico 1209.

REPRESENTATIVE ILL.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Congressman J. M. Limantour of Mexico City, Tex., is ill here. He was on his way east on business connected with the interests of his brother, secretary of the Mexican treasury.

JONES ELECTION SEEMS CERTAIN

Washington Will Choose Between Congressman and George F. Cotterill for Senate Today

OLYMPIA, Jan. 18.—For the first time this session, the legislature will convene in separate session tomorrow to ballot for United States Senator. By reason of the direct primary law, under which Congressman Wesley L. Jones, of North Yakima, was named as the preference of the voters of the state on the republican ticket and George F. Cotterill of Seattle on the Democratic ticket, prolonged balloting for Senator will be avoided as it is doubted whether the name of any others besides Jones and Cotterill will be presented. As the legislature is constituted on the joint ballot of 128 Republican and 9 Democrats, it seems tonight to be a foregone conclusion that Jones will be elected on the first ballot.

Acting upon the advice of the attorney general that the federal constitution provides for treaties between states, Senator F. L. Stewart of Cowitz county will present a resolution in the legislature providing for the appointment by the governor of Washington of a commission to meet a like commission to be appointed by the governor of Oregon and the adjudicate boundary dispute and fisheries question. It is not expected that this will be done and report made this session of the Legislature, but could be done in time for the approval of the next session when it would go to congress for ratification. It is claimed the states have authority in change of boundary as laid down by the United States supreme court in the recent decision. Object sought in this adjudicating the Columbia river fisheries dispute is to prevent the federal government from taking control.